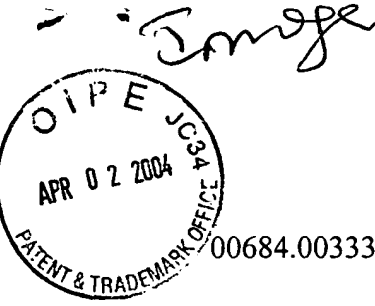


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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the patent document listed on the enclosed citation Form PTO-1449. The patent document was recently cited in the enclosed Canadian Search Report, which is dated February 20, 2004. A copy of the cited patent document also is enclosed.

STATEMENT/FEE

The listed documents was recently cited in a Search Report of a counterpart Australian patent application corresponding to the above-identified application. The Search Report issued on February 20, 2004. A copy of the Search Report also is enclosed. It is hereby stated that each item of information in this Information Disclosure Statement

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Applicants believe that no fee is necessary for the corrected Official Filing Receipt. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee which may be deemed necessary in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

#### CONCLUSION

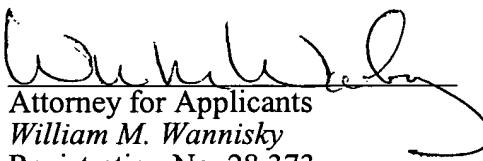
It is respectfully requested that the cited patent document be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed citation Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such patent document has been considered.

It is earnestly believed that all requirements for consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement have been satisfied.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

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